

## KIMBERLEY DELIGHTS

### BROOME - BROOME

#### SAMPLE ITINERARY

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#### DAY 1 – BROOME - CYGNET BAY

Today you will be greeted by our friendly and professional Tour Director before we get underway and head north up the Dampier Peninsular to arrive at Cygnet Bay.

We spend the next two nights at Cygnet Bay Pearl Farm in safari tents with ensuite bathrooms. Get to know your travelling companions over dinner in the lodge restaurant. (L,D)

#### DAY 2 – CYGNET BAY - ONE ARM POINT

After waking up in paradise we head out the door to explore.

This morning we visit the Trochus Hatchery and Aquaculture Centre located at Ardyaloon (One Arm Point). Here we'll learn about aquaculture production and meet some of the incredible marine life of the Dampier Peninsular.

Later we visit Australia's oldest pearl farm - Cygnet Bay Pearls. Here we enjoy a guided tour of the farm and learn how a family-owned and operated pearl farm pioneered the process of culturing the famous Australian South Sea Pearl. We also discover the Kimberley Coast with a highspeed boat tour showcasing the giant tidal movements and amazing Kimberley islands. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 3 – BEAGLE BAY - DERBY

Enjoy a leisurely morning before heading south back down the Dampier Peninsula. Along the way we'll stop off at Beagle Bay which was established as a mission by Trappist monks in 1895. We'll visit the Sacred Heart Church and take in the stunning pearl altar before continuing our journey

south, back to the Great Northern Highway and on to Derby. After a visit to the Boab Prison Tree and Myall's Bore & Cattle Trough we'll check in to the 4-star Spinifex Lodge. (B,L,D)

\*Please note that entry to the Sacred Heart Church visit is subject to WA Health approval.

#### DAY 4 – GIBB RIVER ROAD - BELL GORGE – MT HART WILDERNESS LODGE

Today we begin our journey along the infamous Gibb River Road. Pass through the Wunaamin Miliwundi Ranges (formerly the King Leopold Ranges) before arriving at Bell Gorge, one of the most spectacular gorges in the Kimberley.

Enjoy a guided walk, have a swim and admire the stunning views before continuing on to Mt Hart Station. Steeped in history, the property was established back in 1914 as a working cattle station until it was declassified in 2000 and is now located on the lands of the Ngarinyin people.

Our stay for the next two nights is in unique safari style tents and this evening we enjoy a few drinks at the Settlers Bar before dinner. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 5 – MOUNT HART WILDERNESS LODGE

Today we explore the beauty of Mount Hart's vast wilderness. Travelling in specially built open back safari trucks for Outback Spirit, we take in the true appreciation of the stunning natural landscape.

Your guides will provide commentary on Mount Hart's National Park programs, we visit Barkers Pool, Dolerite Gorge and enjoy a picnic lunch at one of the waterholes.

This afternoon we return to camp where the remainder of the day is at leisure with the opportunity to walk and explore the gardens near the lodge area. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 6 – GALVANS GORGE - GIBB RIVER ROAD - DRYSDALE

This morning we make our way back to the Gibb River Road before stopping to explore Galvans Gorge. After a swim we'll continue along the Gibb, heading past Mount Barnett and on to the Kalumburu Road where we begin heading north.

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Later this afternoon we arrive at Drysdale River Station, which runs 9,000 head of cattle across more than 1 million acres. We spend the night in comfortable station cabins with private ensuite bathroom facilities. (B,L,D)

### **DAY 7 – KING EDWARD RIVER - MITCHELL PLATEAU**

Today our journey takes us further north along the Kalumburu Road before turning off to the Mitchell Plateau. After fording the King Edward River we'll visit some spectacular Wandjina rock art galleries. We then pass through ancient Livistona palm forests on our way to the Mitchell Plateau, arriving at our very own Ngauwudu Safari Camp for a relaxing afternoon or maybe a swim in the camp's pristine waterhole before getting ready for dinner.

A true piece of outback luxury, Ngauwudu Safari Camp features deluxe Safari Suites with ensuite bathrooms and quality furnishings. Built in 2011 at a cost of \$4 million, it is the most luxurious and substantial tented safari camp in the entire Kimberley. Enjoy two nights here as we discover the Mitchell Plateau and Mitchell Falls. (B,L,D)

### **DAY 8 – EXPLORING PUNAMII-UNPUU (MITCHELL FALLS)**

A big walk today, but also a big highlight! After a short drive to the ranger station we set out on a 4km walking tour to the breathtaking Mitchell Falls (good level of fitness and mobility required). With the help of expert local guides from the Kandiwal Community, we'll discover rarely seen Gwion Gwion and Wandjina rock art galleries, with full interpretation. The walk also takes us past Little and Big Mertens Falls before concluding at the sensational 4-tiered Mitchell Falls.

Upon reaching the Mitchell Falls we enjoy our picnic lunch and admire the thunderous falls before returning on a scenic helicopter flight (included). Seeing the falls from the air is an absolute highlight and a great way to finish off the walk. We then return to the camp for a well-earned rest and perhaps a swim in the palm fringed creek. (B,L,D)

Please Note: For passengers not wishing to do the Mitchell Falls walk there is an option to fly down by helicopter. An Outback Spirit guide will still escort you. The flight cost is at an additional cost.

Please note: Weight limits apply to all scenic flights

### **DAY 9 – DURACK AND PENTECOST RIVERS - EL QUESTRO**

Today we retreat from the Mitchell Plateau and follow the Kalumburu Road back to the Gibb River Road. From here we head east and ford the Durack River before arriving at the foothills of the Cockburn Range. Admire the stunning vista in the soft late afternoon light before crossing the mighty Pentecost and heading on to Emma Gorge Resort, part of the renowned El Questro Wilderness Park.

Here we spend two nights in unique tented safari cabins dotted through the bush. (B,L,D)

### **DAY 10 – CHAMBERLAIN GORGE CRUISE - ZEBEDEE THERMAL SPRINGS - STATION TOWNSHIP**

After breakfast we'll drive deeper into this iconic Kimberley wilderness park to Chamberlain Gorge, a beautiful three-kilometre-long fresh waterhole bound by towering escarpment. Enjoy a 90 minute gorge cruise and feed some of the cheeky Archerfish before visiting Zebedee Thermal Springs for a swim in the crystal clear water. Nestled against a rocky range and surrounded by palms, the Springs are one of the highlights of any visit to El Questro. Enjoy some relaxing time here before visiting the station township, the hub of El Questro.

This afternoon, there is time to take a guided walk up to the stunning Emma Gorge waterfall (three hours return - a good level of fitness required, but well worth it) if you wish. A swim here is a highlight of any visit to El Questro, so be sure to bring your swimming attire!

We return to Emma Gorge Resort for some free time before dinner in the unique alfresco restaurant. (B,L,D)

### **DAY 11 – WYNDHAM - FIVE RIVERS LOOKOUT - PARRY LAGOONS – KUNUNURRA**

This morning we enjoy a visit to Wyndham and Five Rivers Lookout, boasting dramatic views out of Cambridge Gulf. En route we'll also visit Parry Lagoons, home to a vast array of birdlife.

Later today we travel to Kununurra and check into the Kununurra Country Club Resort. (B,L,D)



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### DAY 12 – KUNUNURRA - LAKE ARGYLE - ORD RIVER

This morning, we explore Kununurra, a town originally established to service the Ord River Irrigation Scheme. After some free time in the town centre we'll continue up towards Lake Argyle, with a visit to the Durack Homestead Museum en route to the dam wall. This afternoon enjoy a sensational three hour cruise down the Ord River with expert commentary about the Ord Irrigation Scheme and local environment. We arrive back in Kununurra at sunset and make our way to the Kununurra Country Club Resort for our overnight stay. (B,L,D)

### DAY 13 – HEAD TO THE BUNGLE BUNGLES

Before departing Kununurra we'll take a tour of the surrounding farming country. Drive through parts of the massive Ord River Irrigation Scheme on Ivanhoe Plains where melons, mangoes, sandalwood and other crops are grown. After a visit to the award winning Sandalwood Factory, we begin our trek south to the World Heritage Listed Purnululu National Park (the Bungle Bungle), arriving late afternoon.

We'll spend the next two nights at the Bungle Bungle Savannah Lodge, owned by Outback Spirit in partnership with Aviair/Helispirit. The lodge features comfortable cabins with ensuite bathrooms and is the only lodge in the park with a swimming pool. (B,L,D)

### DAY 14 – EXPLORING PURNULULU

Today we explore the wonders of Purnululu, including its unique orange and black beehive shaped domes. First up, enjoy a breathtaking 18-minute scenic helicopter flight over the park with a bird's eye view of its astounding natural features. Afterwards, enjoy a walk along Piccaninny Creek to the mind boggling natural amphitheatre of Cathedral Gorge and then follow the 'dome trail' for a closer inspection of the park's unique geological formations.

This afternoon we'll head to the northern region of the Bungle Bungle to visit Echidna Chasm before returning to the lodge. (B,L,D)

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### DAY 15 – BUNGLE BUNGLES – HALLS CREEK – FITZROY RIVER

We depart the Bungle Bungle early this morning and back track along the infamous Bungles track. From here we head into Halls Creek. On arrival in town we divert out to Old Halls Creek to view the site of the original township where the goldrush was located, along with the famous China Wall.

We travel back to Halls Creek for lunch and from here join the Great Northern Highway to the town of Fitzroy Crossing, the site of where the unprecedented flood events occurred in 2023.

We stay overnight at the Fitzroy River Lodge. (B,L,D)

### DAY 16 – TUNNEL CREEK – DERBY – BROOME

This morning we cross the Fitzroy River to join the Leopold Downs Road. This road cuts through large cattle properties and forms parts of Bunuba country. Our highlight for the morning is a visit to Dimalurru (Tunnel Creek), where water has carved a large tunnel through the limestone Napier Ranges.

At 750m long and up to 20m in height in places, this was formed 350 million years ago as part of an ocean reef system.

We then depart for Derby, and visit an Art gallery before arriving late afternoon to check in to Cable Beach Club Resort and Spa for our two night stay. (B,L,D)

\*We recommend packing water/reef shoes to take part in the Tunnel Creek walk.

### DAY 17 – HORIZONTAL FALLS SEAPLANE/JET-BOAT ADVENTURE

Our journey is ending on a high with a sensational half day adventure to the Horizontal Falls. Described by Sir David Attenborough as 'one of the greatest natural wonders of the world', the falls are created when the 2nd largest tides in the world hurtle through two narrow coastal gorges.

First up, join us for a town tour of Broome or relax at the resort until you are collected for your Horizontal Falls Adventure.

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Enjoy a 60-minute seaplane flight and land on the calm waters of Talbot Bay in the Buccaneer Archipelago. Then, board one of their power boats for an exciting ride through the Horizontal Falls. You'll hear from their expert skipper on the unique geological structures that have formed to create the Horizontal Falls while admiring the amazing azure waters that wash around you. We'll also cruise some of the surrounding bays and creeks and have a bite to eat on their floating pontoon. Learn from their experienced Pontoon crew about rich local marine life and have a refreshing swim in Talbot Bay waters in a safety of their partly-submerged marine viewing platform before returning to Broome.

Tonight, we gather for our final dinner together and celebrate our adventure through the Kimberley. (B,L,D)

Note: Horizontal Falls Seaplane Adventures seaplanes are governed by individual guests' weight and therefore all guests must declare their accurate weights (with clothes on) at the time of booking. All guests are weighed upon boarding for weight verification and safe loading of the aircraft. In addition to the individual weights, they also have an upper weight limit of no more than 120kg.

What to pack: 2kg hand luggage weight allowance is applicable per guest. Please bring water bottle, sun protection, camera and light towel. We recommend wearing your swimsuit before the tour as time on the pontoon is limited.

### **DAY 18 – BROOME**

Your tour concludes after breakfast this morning and you will be transferred to the airport or accommodation if staying on. (B)

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